

# MUSTANG DAILY

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## Gale-force winds topple nine trees

By Amy Hooper  
Staff Writer

The sounds of chain saws and chippers greeted Cal Poly students Monday as the grounds crew worked to clear up downed trees left by strong winds.

John Martin, assistant director of Plant Operations, said nine trees were overturned during the weekend.

"There's trees all over campus uprooted," he said.

Martin said two trees overturned at the Faculty Office Building; one at Sandwich Plant; one by the Air Conditioning Engineering building; three by the Engineering 13 building; and two in the residence hall areas.

Martin said wet ground and winds worked together to uproot elm, carrotwood, eucalyptus and tristania trees. He said the eucalyptus trees are more apt to be blown down since they grow rapidly.

"Limbs from fast-growing trees tend to break off quicker," Martin said. "In Australia, (eucalyptus) are known as widow makers."

Martin said he received no damage reports to buildings or cars.

Wind also intermittently knocked out pockets of power for some San Luis Obispo residents over the weekend, according to PG&E officials.

No records were available for wind speeds in San Luis Obispo.

"I doubt that the wind gusts exceeded 50 miles per hour, but they could have reached 40," KSBY-TV meteorologist Sharon Graves said Monday.

She said official records reveal speeds of 30 mph in Santa Maria at midnight Sunday.

Graves said the large number of downed trees resulted from offshore winds coming from the east and northeast. She said

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This 68-foot tree went down for the count outside Mustang Daily's sprawling editorial office complex.

## Clinton pulls 'gag rule' only 48 hours into term

### Ruling allows abortion info

By Stephen Lamb  
Staff Writer

During his campaign, President Clinton promised change. And 48 hours into his new office, he used his executive power to lift limits on abortion by rescinding what had become known as the "abortion gag rule."

The "gag rule," proposed by

President Reagan and first implemented during President Bush's term, was an addendum to a federally-funded program known as Title X. Enacted in 1970, Title X funds family planning clinics to provide health services and contraceptives to low- or marginal-income women and teenagers. Title X money was not to be used to provide abortions.

Under the gag rule, clinics receiving Title X funds were not allowed counsel patients concerning any aspect of the procedure.

Two years ago, Bush directed that federal funding to family planning clinics be suspended if those clinics advised their clients about abortion as part of their counseling services.

Clinton's action Friday to suspend enforcement of the gag

rule has predictably polarized local debate once again on the abortion issue.

"President Clinton fulfilled important campaign promises to American women and launched an exciting new era of government respect to women's privacy," said Cheryl Rollings, executive director of Planned Parenthood for Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties. "Clinton has given back to poor women the same

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into the first crucial decisions of the  
Clinton administration.

rights as those enjoyed by women who can afford private care, and has restored free

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Mechanical engineering Professor Nan Byars talks with a student.

## Poly women: From file to rank

"Daddy was the family bass man,  
Momma was an engineer;  
And I was born one cold gray morn,  
with music playin' in my ears."

—Paul Simon, "Baby Driver"

By Anita Kreile  
Staff Writer

Mechanical engineer Nan Byars knew something was wrong when she asked her new boss for more work — and he told her she could go help his secretary Betty with the filing.

That was twelve and a half years ago. She was only 24, and it was her first job.

Today, 36-year-old Byars is one of only three women with tenure in the College of Engineering at Cal Poly. And though you might still catch her doing some filing in between classes, you can bet it's not be-

cause a man thinks it's part of her job description.

"At the time, I was young and didn't trust my instincts," Byars said. "If it happened today, I would quit immediately."

Women continue to pioneer new options — but their numbers are still few in many areas. Of 145 faculty members in the College of Engineering, only 11 are women. Women represent 22 percent of faculty at Cal Poly, and about 16 percent of tenured faculty.

One of those women is JoAnne Freeman, department chair for industrial engineering.

Coincidence — and a man who knew of her high school talent for math and science — changed the course of Freeman's life.

"My mom and I were in downtown Atlanta when we ran into a family friend who was on the faculty at Georgia Tech," she said. "He asked me what I was going to do in the fall and I said I was going to music school at

That was in July. By fall, she was attending classes there.

Georgia State.

"He said, 'Oh no you're not, you're going to come and go to Georgia Tech,'" she said.

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THE GENDER  
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**Monday:** Female students at Poly say they still face stereotypes as they enter male-dominated fields.

**Today:** Women faculty members are still largely outnumbered at Poly.

**Wednesday:** One Cal Poly administrator's story — she beat two sets of odds in her career.

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## WORLD★NATION★STATE

## Clinton names Hillary to head health care task force

## Washington, D.C.

President Clinton named his wife to head a national health care task force today, promising that his team "would work day and night" to solve one of the nation's key domestic problems.

Hillary Rodham Clinton is a longtime advocate for children and families who served on the board of Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock, Ark. An education task force she chaired in 1983 was credited with building a consensus on reforms that became the cornerstone of Clinton's tenure as governor.

He said Americans will soon learn

Clinton said he chose his wife to chair the President's Task Force on National Health Reform because "she's better at organizing and leading people from a complex beginning to a certain end" than anybody he has ever known.

"that we have a first lady of many talents." Mrs. Clinton will not draw a salary for her work.

"I never have paid her for her public service. I don't want to start now," he said.

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Health Reform because "she's better at organizing and leading people from a complex beginning to a certain end" than anybody he has ever known.

"I also figured if I did that you'd know I meant it," Clinton told reporters at the end of an hour-long meeting with his health advisers, including several mem-

bers of his Cabinet.

He instructed the task force to ready a legislative package to send Congress in 100 days, as he promised during the campaign. That would be around May 1.

He said it would work out of a "war room" in the Old Executive Office Building. "We're going to work constantly day and night until we have a health care program ... that we believe can pass," the president said.

He said the task force would tackle such problems as providing health care in the inner city, dealing with the AIDS crisis, veterans' health problems and other unmet needs of America's \$840 billion health system, the world's costliest.

## NEWS BRIEFS

## Marshall called a giant in law

## AP News Analysis

Every time he misbehaved in grade school, Thurgood Marshall was forced to memorize a portion of the Constitution. "Before I left that school," he once recalled, "I knew the whole thing by heart."

He spent most of his adult life teaching it to others, many of them unwilling students, and extending it to those who had been deprived of its majestic phrases and promises.

"I enjoyed my work," he would say years later. "And when you won, it was a helluva feeling."

He won a lot — 29 of 32 cases argued before the nation's highest court, including the one that outlawed racial segregation in public schools in 1954.

"Segregation," Marshall said many years afterwards, "is the worst thing that ever happened." Many of the cases he won helped chip away official segregation.

Even if he had never sat on the Supreme Court, where he served for 24 years as its first black justice before retiring 18 months ago, he would be remembered as a giant of American law.

For it was Marshall, who died Sunday at 84, who had the legal mind, the skill and the persistence that helped change America and its treatment of black people.

When named to the court in 1967 by President Lyndon B. Johnson, Marshall already ranked as one of the most influential lawyers in American history, arguably the finest courtroom lawyer of this century.

A champion of the poor and powerless long before his historic appointment, Marshall's name had for years been synonymous with the fight for civil rights and racial justice.

Throughout the segregated South in the 1940s, people accustomed to having the legal system exclude or humiliate them often took heart when hearing the words: "Mr. Marshall is coming to town."

His "commitment to making the Constitution a vehicle to protect the equal rights of all has no match in American history," said a deeply saddened William J. Brennan, the retired justice who was Marshall's closest friend on the high court.

Marshall was not without a sense of humor.

Retired Justice Lewis F. Powell recalled Marshall leaning over toward him during an arcane tax case and

## Births down; lowest in 18 years

## Sacramento, Calif.

The number of babies born in California has dropped for the first time in 18 years, state health officials said Monday.

And more people are dying in homicides and from AIDS, the department said.

The department released birth and death statistics from 1991.

There were 609,228 recorded births in 1991, a drop of .4 percent from the previous year, the report said.

But the birth rate among teen mothers, those 15 to 19 years old, increased from 69.9 births per 1,000 in 1990 to 72.4 in 1991, the largest increase in any age group.

The report listed 257,827 Hispanic births, compared to 242,562 white births, 54,037 Asian births and 46,780 African-American births.

Heart disease and cancer were responsible for 54.7 percent of all deaths among California residents, the report said. But the number of homicides increased by 9.9 percent and the number of deaths due to AIDS increased by 9.8 percent.

whispering, "You can have my vote on this for a future draft pick."

On the bench in his later years, Marshall could be cranky with lawyers whose arguments distressed him. But he drew the line: "Emotion has its place, but I stopped pounding the table when I left practice," he said.

In his 23 years as chief counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Marshall more than anyone was credited with smashing centuries-old legal barriers to racial equality.

Marshall represented many death row inmates in the 1940s and 1950s, and on the court parted with even some liberal colleagues as he consistently voted against the death penalty under all circumstances.

Throughout his court tenure, Marshall remained a passionate liberal — initially as a member of a majority of like-minded brethren and later as a frustrated dissenter.

He roared, in stinging dissents, his disapproval when he believed the court ignored the disadvantaged, the forgotten and the downtrodden, no matter their race.

When the court in 1977 ruled that states were under no legal duty to pay for abortions wanted by women on welfare, Marshall decried "the ethical bankruptcy of those who preach a right to life that means, under present social policies, a bare existence in utter misery for so many poor women and their children."

## Baidoa: much suffering remains

## Baidoa, Somalia

Habiba Tohow insisted on climbing onto the death truck making its morning rounds so she could watch over her 5-year-old daughter Fardoza, wrapped in a small shroud on her final journey to the cemetery.

In a cemetery crowded with unmarked graves, Mrs. Tohow laid Fardoza to rest alongside a nameless child and three unknown adults picked up by the truck.

Such terrible personal tragedies continue every day in Baidoa, but fewer mothers like Mrs. Tohow are losing children. The massive international relief effort has cut the death toll dramatically in just four months.

In September, the death truck was picking up 350 bodies a day. This month gravediggers have been burying from five to 13 bodies a day, according to the Somali Red Crescent.

The expanding relief effort and the arrival of the U.S. Marines on Dec. 16 have transformed Baidoa from a city of death to one of hope.

"The Marines have changed everything," said Husein Dahir Ahmed, manager of the Red Crescent. "The have returned peace and tranquility to Baidoa."

The heavily armed vehicles known as technicals that used to roam the streets are gone, though some gunmen still ply their looting trade under cover of darkness. The market has quadrupled in size. Hundreds of orphans are learning their ABCs, and several schools are about to open. Teashops which closed at dusk now bustle until midnight.

Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim Husein, the region's new governor, fears the dramatic drop in the death toll is starting a cutback in relief at a time when he believes 30 to 40 percent of people in Baidoa and thousands more in the countryside are still starving.

The International Committee of the Red Cross and the international relief agency CARE have reduced the number of food kitchens they operate in Baidoa, and many other camps and kitchens are going to be closed, he said.

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# State buckles down with tougher seat belt law

Violation now a solely citable offense as of January 1

By Michael Sheats  
Staff Writer

The law is the same, but the enforcement has changed.

The 1986 State Seat Belt Law, which required all motorists and their passengers to buckle up or risk citation, is still in effect. However, as of Jan. 1, law enforcement officers

can stop drivers solely for not wearing seat-belts themselves or if their passengers aren't buckled up.

Previously, officers could only cite a driver or passenger for not wearing a seat-belt if the officer had pulled the driver over for some other violation.

Highway Patrol Officer

Steve Darcy said the new regulation adds credibility to the seat belt law and makes it easier for officers to enforce.

"If the seat belt law was important enough to legislate then it's important enough to enforce properly," Darcy said.

Law enforcement officers will not start pulling over just anyone they suspect is not

belted-in, according to Highway Patrol Officer Frank Stricker.

But Stricker said indicators include a standing child, a person crawling over the seat or a belt hanging out of the car door.

Kurtis Savage, a mechanical engineering senior, said he likes the new law but still sees some downfalls.

"It's almost an infringement,

like the helmet law," he said.

Molly Considine, a biology junior, agrees the new law is a positive one.

"I hope it motivates people to wear it more," she said.

Stricker said it's still too early to tell if the new law has made any impact. But, he said, "people who were ignoring the law before are going out and getting replacement belts," he said.

## WOMEN

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Freeman recalled the support that the women received from the administration at the time.

"In those days, Sputnik had just gone up and there weren't enough engineers to do everything," she said.

"The guy from the placement center would come talk to our little women's group; there were only about 60 of us out of 7,000 students," she said.

"He said, 'I have told all the people who want to come on campus interviewing Georgia Tech graduates that they can't have anybody if they don't treat my gals the same way.'"

"He said, 'If I find out they've shorted any of you or hinted that you're not just as good as anybody else, well, you let me know and they'll never come on this campus again.'"

"He let them know that, too, and there was absolutely no problem," she said.

"There were difficulties still at the professor level," she said. "And my students today tell me that they still have trouble with some faculty."

Freeman and Byars both sang the praises of Cal Poly's women's engineering program and, in par-

ticular, the Society of Women Engineers (SWE).

"SWE is just fabulous, and Cal Poly has done a wonderful job in bringing in female students to the engineering program," Byars said. "I would like to see them continue to work to bring in women faculty."

Byars has spent most of her life in the minority. As an undergraduate at Clemson University in South Carolina, she was one of two females in the mechanical engineering department.

"I really didn't feel any bias (against me) in college," she said. "It wasn't until I started working in the field that I began to experience that."

When she realized that her first boss didn't take her seriously, Byars transferred to a different department.

She recalled one of her first days at her new position in research and development when a man asked her if she could help him with a problem.

"He walked up to me and said, 'Hey, I hear you are an expert on heat transfer. I've got a project I'm working on, maybe you can help me out,'" Byars said.

"It was the first time anyone ever asked my opinion as though I might have more knowledge, or something of value," she said.



## THE GENDER G A P

Focus: Cal Poly's Society of Women Engineers is an award-winning program helping aspiring female students prepare for careers.

**Cal Poly's chapter of the Society of Women Engineers** was established in 1975. Records show a membership of 53 women in 1978. It took ten years for that number to grow to 90, but only five more for it to swell to the current membership of 440.

One of the goals of SWE is to encourage retention of female engineering students by providing support and encouragement through various programs.

Renee Greenwood is the current director of the Women in Engineering program at Cal Poly. She said a new tracking program showed that in 1992 only 1 percent of SWE's 440 members have left the engineering field.

"That's way above the usual retention rates," she said.

Just as encouragement can keep students coming back, lack of it can be disastrous, they said.

But Industrial Engineering Department Chair JoAnne Freeman does more than just talk about the importance of mentor programs.

"One of my class assignments is for students to take a video and other information about IT back to their high

school or junior college and give a presentation to the students and the advisers," she said.

"One of my female students said her (high school) counselor said to her, 'Are you still in engineering? I didn't think you'd last.'"

"I couldn't believe he actually said that to her — her counselor!" Freeman said.

Freeman said that, nationwide, the field of I.E. has more women than any of the other engineering disciplines but that environmental engineering is starting to attract more women.

Now, almost half the environmental engineering students at Cal Poly are female, according to statistics.

In 1992, the Cal Poly chapter of SWE was chosen from 245 sections across the nation as the leading chapter. By doing so, Cal Poly became the first non-Ph.D.-granting university to receive the award. Past winners include UC-Berkeley, Cornell and Vanderbilt universities.

— Anita Kreile



# ESL

Graduating from Cal Poly is hard enough, but imagine the challenge facing students for which English is their second language. In Wednesday's Insight, we profile a unique class that aims to pick up where the university leaves off to help ESL students learn enough English to pass Senior Project and the Graduation Writing Requirement.

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## Editor's Note:

Today's regular In Your Opinion section has been suspended this week in order that Mustang Daily might devote its full attention to the sensitive topic of abortion.

In light of the new administration's stance on the issue and the crucial decisions which now face President Bill Clinton in only the first few weeks of his tenure, the Daily's Opinion Editor felt he would be remiss if he did not relegate a certain amount of space to the subject. Undoubtedly, many will be anxious to see how our newest Commander-in-Chief reacts, especially in light of the recent anniversary of the infamous *Roe vs. Wade* decision.

The arguments for and against presented on these pages are meant to grapple with the subject and do not in any way represent an endorsement of one side or the other. To this date, Mustang Daily has chosen to refrain from taking an editorial stand on abortion and does not plan to do so in the foreseeable future.

Any comments or questions regarding the Daily's presentation of the issue are more than welcome; however, as always, the views presented are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the editorial or advertising staff.

— Bryan Bailey  
Opinion Editor

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## The Irresistible Force...



By Julia Greenberg

The Pro-Life "Life Chain" held last year on Foothill Boulevard was a great example of people standing up for their beliefs.

How heartening it was to see families band together and make a stand against abortion. Good, wholesome families with small children eagerly waving signs. Nice, pink youngsters who don't worry about where their next meal is coming from and have all

of the biggest factors in slowing poverty and child abuse.

There is an absolute epidemic of child abuse in the country today. More than 20 percent of children, conservatively speaking, live below the poverty level in this country. That doesn't mean all these children are unwanted, but really, 12 million kids can't be happy living hand to mouth every day.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 11 percent of births last year were unwanted, and that does not include mistimed conceptions.

The vocal minority in our country is chipping away at a man and woman's right to plan a happy, healthy family. The Reagan and Bush administrations have made it possible for states to place restrictions on abortions, such as having to wait 24 hours or obtain parental permission. Pro-Lifers argue that restrictions give a woman time to think about her options, hopefully to see the error of her ways and choose adoption or keeping her baby. What it really does is force the 14-year-old girl who finally gets the courage and a ride to go to the local clinic after school to be shut out; she will arrive at the clinic only to be told "sorry — you have to notify your parents." Maybe some women can travel across state lines, but for those who don't have the means, too bad.

The Supreme Court is arguing whether Pro-Life groups can physically block patients from entering clinics. Blocking access to clinics will cut off resources which make family planning an option and where birth control can be obtained to prevent an unwanted pregnancy.

Obviously it would be great if everybody practiced abstinence, but when in human history has that happened? What will hap-

pen is that the wealthy will still be able to obtain an abortion, and the rest of society won't.

Since abstinence isn't about to happen, the next best solution would be to educate each and every person in this country about birth control and family planning, to prevent unwanted pregnancies. But slashing the capabilities of clinics and sex education in schools, like we've done, has only led to more unwanted pregnancies.

And there will be abortions, no matter what. The only difference is if we do not enact the Right To Choice Bill, the states will have the power to keep chipping away at abortion rights. Abortion might warrant some restrictions, but not until the day comes where each and every man and woman is fully educated about reproductive health from the time they enter grade school until high school graduation.

**Abortion on demand, however, is simply birth control by halting a life. It is running from responsibility at the expense of an innocent human.**

— David Polk

Since that isn't happening, then there should be no restrictions which make abortions still feasible for the rich and impossible for everybody else. Keeping options available is better than allowing millions of unwanted souls to wander the earth.

Adoptions, anyone?

Julia Greenberg is a Cal Poly journalism graduate and is now living somewhere in the real world.

**Abortion should remain a viable option for those who realize that having fewer children is one of the biggest factors in slowing poverty and child abuse.**

— Julia Greenberg

their shots.

Wouldn't it be great if all these people had their adoptive children in tow?

You know, the ones that were born shaking and screaming because their poor little hearts weren't getting crack now that they were out of their mother's bodies?

And perhaps the ones who were born with Down's Syndrome because their mother couldn't get permission from an anonymous judge to abort?

And, of course, those children who were valiantly saved from abusive homes.

But these children were nowhere to be seen. Because for all the finger pointing and judgments Pro-Lifers make, the fact is that they are not supporting all the babies they are "saving."

Abortion should remain a viable option for those who realize that having fewer children is one

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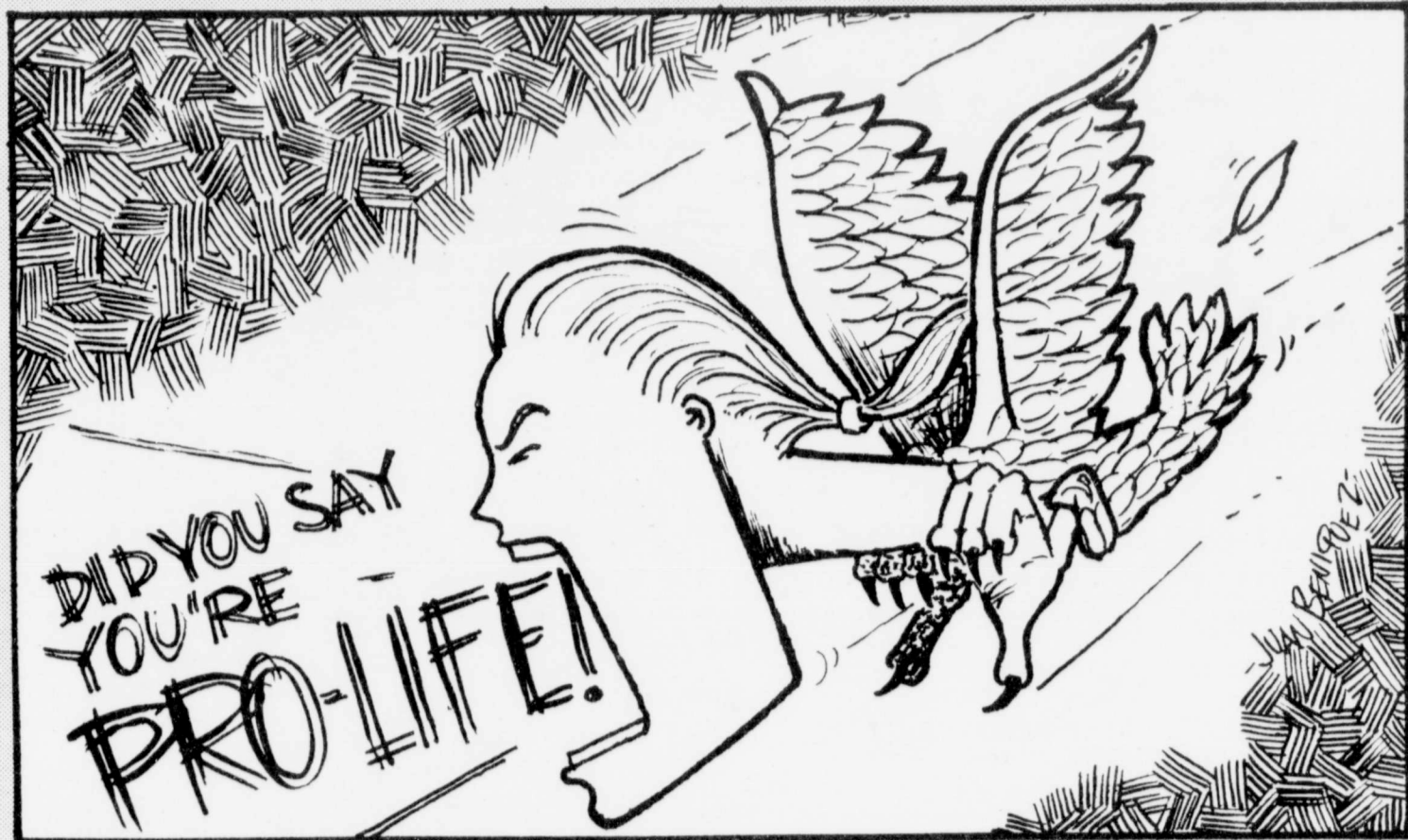
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## ...and the Immovable Object



By David Polk

Abortion on demand is a crime. Although some may think a man's opinion on abortion is equivalent to his opinions on tampons, or a woman's on vasectomy, so what? Your opinion doesn't count here. Besides, someone asked me to do this.

The other night, I was at a typical party in which the social climate was the essence of civility and couth. The music was loud, women were in prominent attendance, and I was just inside the double-digit drink curve. My aperitif of choice: Jay Leno's drink of the week — the Amy Fisher (a Long Island iced tea with a shot on the side).

Situations like this can become dangerous, as many of you know. Time can distend, warp and accelerate. Given the absence of amphetamine or nicotine in my blood, this effect enhanced itself until time was cavorting like a dervish (no doubt under the influence of some substance I'd reserved for myself).

One of the last things I remember was dancing on a table with some very happy, naked people, my hair in flames, a pair of panties hanging out of my drink. Not a pretty thought. A prettier thought being I could write off all the nights expenses as research.

Apparently, during a ceasefire in the debauchery, I committed a momentous social gaffe, a *faux pas nuclear*, if you will, by letting slip I was pro-life. I'm not sure why I felt it was necessary to share this piece of information. It just happened.

In any event, the heretofore blur of laughing, beguiling feminine shapes transformed themselves into vicious harpies. Pandemonium was at hand. Perhaps it was the drinks, but I truly believed I was surrounded by hideous, filthy, rapacious winged monsters with the heads and trunks of women and the tails, legs and talons of birds. Given this situation, I did what any inebriated man confronted by this horde from hell would do: I boldly advanced in the opposite direction. Making great haste, aware that no mortal succor was at hand, I called upon Rama for protection, but to no avail.

Confronted by the hostess (whom I forgot to thank for her exquisite canapes), myself and some of my happier friends were

ejected from the bacchanal for causing "political unrest." I can understand some of her feelings, though. I can even empathize with her. When you're having a semi-formal affair and people are insisting upon wearing neckties on portions of the anatomy ties were never intended for, things can get a bit sticky.

What I can't understand, and have much trouble empathizing with, is why women need abortion on demand. I have no trouble understanding why abortions for women who are victims of crimes such as rape or incest are needed, or when the life of the mother may be forfeit. When one is the victim of another's malaise, every effort should be made to assist and comfort that person.

Abortion on demand, however, is simply birth control by halting a life. It is running from responsibility at the expense of an innocent human. It is letting fear, not hope, control your life. When a couple willingly engages in sexual intercourse, and a pregnancy results, the child should be borne to term. Both partners to assume responsibility.

At this point, I'd like to ask radical feminists to stop screaming, and please put down the knives and guns you're wielding. One more thing, don't cancel your subscription over this.

I'm not against sexual expression. In fact, I invite you and all your friends to go out and experiment to your heart's content. Just do so responsibly. There are many types of sexual play one can engage in without worrying about pregnancy (I know more than one person who makes passionate love without getting their doops wet). If your imagination fails you, try consulting Dr. Ruth.

Intercourse using more than one form of birth control is desirable if you make that decision. However, if said birth control fails, there's no safety net. Be responsible, have the child. If a couple is too young, financially insecure, or in some other sense cannot cope with a child, raise the child for nine months and give it up for adoption. Sure, it's a year of being careful, but it's a lesson learned and a life saved. Many couples are willing to adopt unwanted children.

Advocates of abortion on

demand are known to say a fetus is undeveloped to the point of not being a person before twelve weeks. This is ludicrous. What is the fetus if not a person? A puppy? Possibly a kitten? I think not, but I couldn't kill one of those either. Once the zygote begins to grow, it's a real human. People say they want choice, I say you already have it. *You just have to realize when you've made it.*

I've been told by women (a certain hostess comes to mind) that abortion on demand is necessary for women to be sexually and politically equal. I surmise this to mean that if they become pregnant at an inconvenient time, they just "lose" the child and keep their careers or schoolwork right on track. After all, men never need to worry about a pregnancy interfering with school or their work. It's just not fair. This is true, life's not fair. But maybe we're confusing equality with sameness. I will advocate gender, race, religious and all types of equality and freedom for as long as I live, but as long as two distinct genders exist, it's preferable to stay within biological roles.

It seems some women can't be satisfied with biological function. They must have the purest sexual equality possible with men. This may be right, but I have grave reservations. If a woman really wants to have pure sexual equality, just like a man, try masturbating two or three times a day for a couple of years. If that doesn't do the trick, I've been told there are some fine clinics in Switzerland for that sort of thing.

Besides, who really wants sexual sameness? Androgyny is so dull. I enjoy the differences between men and women. Women are soft, they smell nice, they have breasts; what's not to like? I can even remember a couple of times in my life when it was extremely inconvenient to have testicles. I also seem to recall several women present getting more than a simple passing giggle at my predicament. So who's to say what is absolutely equal? I think women have it better. Men have to wear the condoms and take out the trash.

David Polk is a journalism senior and a devout disciple of Bacchus.

## EDITORIAL

### ASI should keep its feet on the ground and our costs in check

There are no hard and fast rules about behavior in college, and it would be more than childish to say that one shouldn't enjoy it. After all, higher education is the threshold to a long, arduous career — have fun while you can.

But not at others' expense.

Cal Poly's ASI Board of Directors, to the tune of some \$3,000, is seriously considering building a "sandbox" of their own that they may charge campus clubs to play in.

Despite the multiplicity of budget crises to be dealt with, the most time-consuming item discussed during last Wednesday's ASI meeting was a proposal to construct a "leadership-promoting ropes course" in order that board members might learn "leadership and trust skills, essential to working with others."

How much trust will the student body endow ASI with if it finds the board using its money to swing from trees, while some clubs, such as Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals United and the African-American Student Union are struggling to exist in a recession with no Poly Royal and no ASI funding?

While board members should never be discouraged from bettering themselves personally, we would hope that the appointed members are already capable leaders.

The finite amount of time in which they hold the positions they do is far too valuable to be wasting doing "trust-falls," not to mention the time lost which could be devoted to more vital issues in an executive meeting.

ASI's consideration of this proposal is essentially for entertainment purposes and a waste of valuable resources during the current budget crisis.

We believe that ASI, as representatives of the Cal Poly student body, must surely have more important issues to spend their time and money on.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### GOP's fear pleases reader

If I wasn't so upset by the ignorance of Scott Van Gorder's claims, I would have been amused by the Cal Poly Republicans' political whining ("Poly GOP not thrilled with Bill," Mustang Daily, Jan. 21).

In Thursday's article, he exalted the Reagan-era "conservative revolution," which, according to him, consists of the four ideals of free enterprise, peace through strength, limited government and individual freedom.

Individual freedom as one of the main ideals of the Reagan-Bush era? Come on now, who's he trying to fool? These are the same people who have systematically tried to ban a woman's right to choose, outlaw any sexual act besides the missionary position, and lock up everyone who smokes an occasional joint. This "conservative revolution" Van Gorder speaks of would be better termed conservative repression.

As far as the often heard Republican battle-cry of limited government goes, I challenge Van Gorder to examine the facts and not just recite the rhetoric. Ask the Air Traffic Controllers who, while exercising their right to strike in 1981, were promptly fired by Reagan what this notion of a limited government means; or perhaps we can ask the people of any number of Third World countries the U.S. strong-armed during the Reagan-Bush era, and maybe they can explain this form of limited government.

From what I can tell, the Republican's limited government applies only to the average citizen, as the powerful and influential enjoy a very unlimited government working in their favor.

So, to Van Gorder and the rest of his Republican cronies, I have this to say: I am quite pleased Clinton scares the hell out of you, because that only makes the rest of us feel better.

Marc A. Lea  
Environmental Biology

### Release Me?

I am writing this letter in response to the Mustang Daily printed on Friday, Jan. 22, 1993. The front page featured a picture of a lamb behind a fence. The caption read, "Please Release Me!"

I am very curious to know what this animal stands to gain from being liberated. Animal rights activists have been known to open gates, to cut fences and to use other means in order to free domestic animals. These irrational actions are an obvious hazard to animals and people alike, not to mention a blatant contradiction of the activists' benevolent intentions.

I wish the activists would realize the animals at Cal Poly are housed and managed in the most sophisticated and humane manner to insure that their health and well-being are maintained. The faculty and students of the Animal Science department should be commended for their efforts in sustaining one of the best animal husbandry programs in the country.

John Foster  
Animal Science



## Governor reveals growth plan

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A new statewide growth management plan based on financial incentives rather than controls was unveiled Monday by Gov. Pete Wilson.

The proposal, the result of two years of studies by Wilson's Office of Planning and Research, rejects the creation of any new regional government bodies and proposes revisions of the California Environmental Quality Act to cut paperwork and costs.

The plan calls for the streamlining of conflicting local

and state permit procedures and reorganizing existing regional Councils of Government, but without giving those regional panels any new taxing or land use powers.

Other key elements of the plan would offer financial incentives for local governments to better coordinate new housing and job sites with transportation systems.

One of those financial incentives would be to grant access to what Wilson described as a "state infrastructure bank," which would help finance

water, sewer, highway and other infrastructure needs of local governments that adopt the new "voluntary growth guidelines."

Wilson declined to estimate the size of that infrastructure bank, but Richard Sybert, director of his Office of Planning and Research, said the plan "may be talking about a couple billion dollars" in state general obligation bonds.

The governor stressed his proposals were not aimed at reducing environmental protections or slowing growth.

## Pair of bomb threats clears two buildings

By John Hubbell  
News Editor

To the ever-growing tally of campus bomb threats, add two more.

Threats were phoned in to both the Computer Science and Dexter Buildings on Monday, causing evacuation at both sites.

Both buildings were reopened after searches revealed no explosive devices, according to Public Safety Interim Police Chief Steve Schroeder.

According to Schroeder, Monday's first threat was called in at

8:56 a.m. by an unidentified male caller.

"He stated, 'There's a bomb in building 14,'" Schroeder said.

Then at 1:22 p.m., a caller said Dexter Building contained a bomb set to explode in 45 minutes, Schroeder said.

The two calls are respectively the second and third threats called in to campus officials this calendar year. In 1992, 18 bomb threats were reported at Cal Poly. During both years, no evidence of explosive or incendiary devices were found.

## GAG RULE

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speech and integrity to America's family planning program."

While pro-choice advocates are excited with Clinton's decision, pro-life supporter Kelly Condon of the Central Coast Christian Action Council said she feels the new legislation will create a more uninformed public.

"Abortionists claim that mothers who are deciding what

to do about their unwanted pregnancy should have all options presented," Condon said. "But they fight every piece of legislation which allows for full disclosure of fetal development."

"I'm for a fully-informed mom. But abortion counselors give no real information."

Dr. Frank Mazzone of the San Luis Obispo Family Medical Center said it was ludicrous for

people not to know of abortion as an option.

"It goes against this country's grain and what we're all about," Mazzone said. "The woman has the right to choose."

"It's a very personal decision. There's enough information in this country. It's like someone coming into your living room and telling you what you're going to wear."

Condon said the choice needs to be made before the pregnancy.

"You need to make that decision before you have intercourse," she said. "It's not a part of her body. It's a human within her body. How can one human have the right to choose who lives and who dies?"

## WINDS

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trees snap easily when winds come out of the opposite direction from which they grew.

Graves said the gusty winds originated from a surface high-pressure system near Utah. She said the winds speed up as they travel down mountains and through coastal canyons.

"We get these quite often after storms," Graves said.

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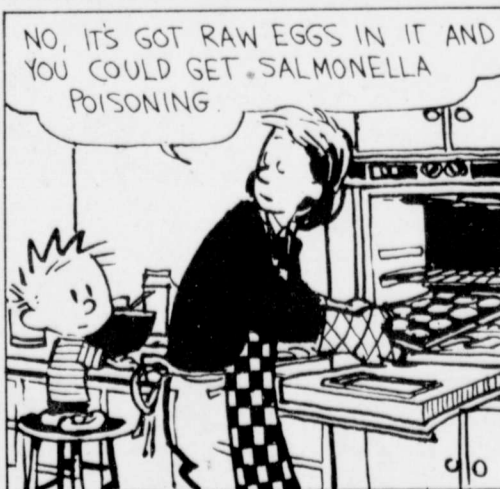
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## Put your money on . . . . . ?

Many people have asked my dubious opinion lately as to who will win this Sunday's Super Bowl.

Here's what I whispered to them: I like who you like.

If you are looking for a prediction on who will win, or who will lose, you can stop reading this column.

It's not for me to say who's going to win the Super Bowl, much less the Bud Bowl.

I know my share of sports knowledge, but I don't want to be responsible for any empty wallets come Sunday night.

Thus, I leave the decision in your hands as to who you think will win the Super Bowl. To help you, however, here are the reasons why either team can win.

### Buffalo will win because:

- the third time's a charm, or in this case a ring.
- no team has lost in the Super Bowl three consecutive years.
- our new President is named Bill.
- Scott Norwood is gone.
- if the Bills could overcome a 38-point deficit in the second half against Houston in the wild-card game, being a seven-point underdog shouldn't be a problem.
- the Bills are the visiting team, and the visiting locker room has been the site of celebrations for 15 of the previous 26 Super Bowls.
- my mom's from Buffalo.
- the Bills' Bruce Smith is bigger than the Cowboys' Emmitt Smith.
- one of the so-called "America's Team" has suffered a loss within the last year — the Atlanta Braves fell to Toronto in the World Series.
- the Cowboys don't have Joe Montana to make a miraculous comeback.

### Dallas will win because:

- it's been nine years since an AFC team has won.
- the Cowboys will be wearing white jerseys, and teams donning white have won 14 of the 26 Bowls.
- Troy Aikman has played on the Rose Bowl turf in big games before — when his UCLA Bruins faced Southern Cal.
- even though this will be Buffalo's third straight trip to the Bowl, the Cowboys will be making their sixth appearance — most among NFL teams.
- it has the Arkansas winning-connection too. Owner Jerry Jones hails from President Clinton's old stomping grounds.
- Tom Landry's winning aura still hovers overhead.
- didn't cowboys once kill buffalo for a living?
- the Cowboys play never to lose, using an aggressive style of play.
- the Cowboys beat the heavily favored 49ers.
- the Bills don't have Joe Montana to make a miraculous comeback.

# 'America's Team' title at stake Sunday

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — It's not even close to a war of words. Maybe not even a skirmish.

Still, when the players aren't available yet and the Super Bowl hoopla is just beginning, it sure is refreshing to hear something unusual, different, even slightly controversial.

Not that Marv Levy meant to cause any headlines when, almost as an aside at the end of his news conference to open the week's festivities, he laid claim to a title that clearly has belonged elsewhere for decades.

That title, "America's Team," in fact has been the property of the Dallas Cowboys. And it is the Cowboys, of course, who will face Levy's Buffalo Bills for the NFL championship on Sunday.

"America's Team sometimes is what someone names themselves," Levy said. "We've had an outpouring of letters from all over the country since our Houston game, with people telling us we were America's Team."

The Bills staged the biggest comeback in NFL history in that

## Buffalo faces Dallas in Super Bowl

wild-card game, coming back from 35-3 to win 41-38 in overtime. That victory might be more meaningful than any in club history because it displayed so obviously — to the players as well as the public — that this team can handle adversity.

Levy described those letters as saying, "You're the ones we're looking at as the underdog, the ones who fought their way back. You're the blue collar guys."

"I told our players, 'You know who will be wearing red, white and blue out there when we play that game? You are — the Buffalo Bills.'"

Levy has a point. In overcoming injuries to stars such as Jim Kelly, Bruce Smith and Cornelius Bennett, the Bills have shown a load of perseverance. After blowing the AFC East title by losing their season finale to Houston while undermanned and on the road, they staged that memorable rally the next week

to eliminate the Oilers.

Then they won two playoff games on the road, a place they hadn't won in the postseason since 1981. They did it with dominating defense. They got the first two of their three January victories with Frank Reich, not Kelly, at the helm.

So if they want to call themselves "America's Team," let them.

"That's great for Marv Levy," Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson said when told of the fan mail — and Levy's claim. "I don't care. All I want to do is beat the team we play Sunday, and that's the Buffalo Bills. I don't get carried away with the 'America's Team.'"

"I see a lot of star players," Johnson said of the Bills, who would be the first team to lose three consecutive Super Bowls if they can't stop the AFC's slide in the big game, now at eight. "Bruce Smith is as fine a player as we've faced all year, maybe

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the finest. Cornelius Bennett ... Darryl Talley, who is one of the most underrated players.

"On their offense, the number of talented, experienced players in their entire lineup allows them to do some things other teams are not able to do.

"They have so much diversity on offense. They can do things probably across the board better than most teams.

"We're not that complicated."

They are as full of stars when they have the ball, though. Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith, Michael Irvin and Jay Novacek surely deserve the acclaim Kelly, Thurman Thomas, Andre Reed and James Lofton receive.

## Bowl crowd to guzzle 1,250 kegs

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Super Bowl players spend the annual football game trying to knock the stuffing out of one another. Super Bowl fans spend the game stuffing themselves.

On Jan. 31, the 101,000 fans gathered to watch Dallas and Buffalo at the Rose Bowl will consume about 13,750 pounds of hot dogs (that's four franks to the pound), about 55,000 soft drinks and over 100,000 cups or 1,250 kegs of beer, said Mark McClure, general manager for Service America at the stadium.

In addition to six permanent booths selling hot dogs, pizza and cheeseburgers, vendors will be out hawking pretzels, ice cream, sodas, coffee, hot chocolate, peanuts and popcorn from portable carts, he said.

"We're used to having 100,000 people in the bowl. But this event is, by far, the most demanding. The Rose Bowl is a college-type atmosphere. This is professional. People have more money to spend and they demand more."

During the Rose Bowl, sodas in a souvenir cup sold for \$2.75. During the Super Bowl, they'll cost \$3.

But McClure won't be feeding everybody in the stadium on game day.

Regency Productions by Hyatt, Don Paul and the Bashful Butler were hired to cater to several groups, including 3,000 journalists working the game.

The Bashful Butler will feed team owners and TV and radio personnel, said Scott Hart, event coordinator for the Arcadia company.

Team owners get a pre-game Italian buffet with several pastas, fresh fruits and gourmet salads, Hart said. At halftime, they'll choose from three kinds of hot dogs, a slaw salad, popcorn, nuts, chips and salsa.

Hart's staff of 50 will provide hot dogs for the TV and radio folks.

## ★ Where to watch THE GAME ★

Here's a breakdown on what's happening in the area on Super Bowl Sunday.

### BULL'S TAVERN

1032 Chorro

TV -- 1 regular size

Specials -- Dollar drafts, \$2 kamikazis, all Coke you can drink

### THE GRADUATE

990 Industrial Way

TV -- 4 big screens, 2 regular size

Specials -- Drink and food specials available

### HARRY'S COCKTAIL LOUNGE

Cypress and Pomeroy

Pismo Beach

TV -- 2 big screens, 4 regular size

Specials -- Free giant buffet, free give aways (NFL jackets, 2 one-night stays at Sycamore Springs, cruises from Central Cruises)

### IZZY ORTEGA'S

1850 Monterey

TV -- 4 regular size

Specials -- 3 tacos for \$1, dollar drafts

### MR. RICK'S

480 Front St.

Avila Beach

TV -- 2 big screens

Specials -- buy a square for \$50 and get drinks for free during game and chance to win TV, fishing poles and a sofa-recliner

### TORTILLA FLATS

1051 Nipomo

TV -- 6 regular size

Specials -- Full service bar, chips and salsa

## Bills hope experience factors in

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Super Bowl week starts out 37-2 in Buffalo's favor. That's 37 Bills who have played in a Super Bowl against two Cowboys who have been there.

Call it the experience factor and it's been important before in deciding the Super Bowl winner. So why is Dallas favored by a touchdown? Maybe because the Bills have been losers the two previous years and because the NFC team has won eight straight.

Buffalo's not buying it.

"The first year, you're almost in awe over the whole situation," says Buffalo quarterback Jim Kelly. "But I guess this year, we know exactly what it's going to take to win it."

History says Kelly's right.

There have been 11 Super Bowls when one team entered with significantly more experience and that team has been the winner nine times.

History is working in both directions — no team has lost three straight Super Bowls and no team has ever won after losing two.

In Tampa, the Bills were Super Bowl novices, going up against the Giants, who had 25 players from a team that had won four years earlier. The Giants, outmanned on offense, managed to win 20-19.

Last year, the Bills had experience, but so did Washington, winners in 1988. So it was a push and Washington did the pushing, winning 37-24.

But now the opponent is the NFL's youngest team, one on which only defensive end Charles Haley and safety Ray Horton have Super Bowl experience.

Then there's Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson, who may be the "X" factor.

Johnson's big-game experience includes two national championship games at the University of Miami, winning one. And he has brought that to the Cowboys — they beat a far more experienced San Francisco team on the road last week.

## Brooks to sing anthem

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Garth Brooks is to country music what footballs are to the Super Bowl. How could you have any fun without them?

For only the second time in the 27-year history of the Super Bowl, a country singer will sing the national anthem to start the National Football League's showcase contest — Charlie Pride did the honors in 1974.

Brooks' rendition of the Star Spangled Banner on Sunday will be "very boring, very traditional," he said in a telephone interview from Nashville, Tenn. There will be no guitars, no backup singers, no surprises.

"I'll do it a cappella. I have to be exactly on the right beat or I'm screwed. It's stupid of me to do it to myself, but here goes," he said.

Brooks, whose records have sold over 28 million copies, has performed the national anthem only once before in his life — about 10 years ago at a national finals horse show in Oklahoma City.

The megastar, who will also do a couple of benefit concerts while in Southern California, hopes his emotion will show during the anthem — but he doesn't want too much of a good thing.

"I'm worried about my emotion. I feel very strongly about the United States, about my country," he said. "The one thing you cannot do is sing when you are gasping for air."

Brooks said he plans to wear special but familiar clothes — blue Wranglers, a shirt he's designing himself and a sterling white Stetson.